

1906-020
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes: Mattie M. Glass vs. John P. Glass

Rutherford, Ely, Hall, Williams

CA-Divorce

T-Vices

To the Hon. H. S. W. S. Ken, Judge of
the Circuit Court of Lee Co Va
Your oration, Mattie M. Glass, humbly
complaining, shows unto your honor
that she now lives in Lee Co Va
and has been domiciled in said
County and state the last ten years
and more, last part before the
institution of this suit; that in
the year 188- she married one
John P. Glass, and to them were
born several children (one of
whom is now married) and for
many years lived happily together,
Your oration through all the years
of their married life, while living
together, she was true to her marriage
vows; but, while she was thus true,
your oration husband was to her untrue,
while she was at home with their
little children, her husband would be
out with other women, drinking
liquor and having sexual intercourse
with them. His infatuation became
at length so great for one Alpha
Reford, that he took her by night
and fled to Kentucky, stopping first
at Middleborough where he slept

with her, and had sexual inter-
course with her as though she were
his own lawful wife. From here
he went to Louisville Ky and went
into, or pretended to go into, business,
in the years 1904 and part of 1905
up to about March 11, 1905.

Your Oratrix was apprised of his
leaving this state, but thought it was
because of business troubles and did
not know then nor for a long time
afterward, his amours with Alpha
Belford, although he had caused
this woman to severely beat and
bruise your Oratrix on a former
occasion some while living at
Hunters Gap Va. When her said
husband went to Louisville Ky, at
his request she went there to ^{see him} live with
him, and ^{stayed there a few weeks} did so for six months
in the City of Louisville. On the 11 day
of March 1905, he left her ^{there among strangers} (your Oratrix)
informing her he was going to Ohio
for a day or two on business. She
waited twenty days for his return, but he
never came back. Then it was that
she found that he had taken Alpha

Relford and gone to Warm Springs
Arkansas. Upon investigation your
oratrix found that this Relford
warren had been living on
Chestnut street in the City of Louisville
in a house rented by the said
John P. Glass and that she was known
in that quarter of the City as his
wife, when he lived with her as a
husband and under an assumed name;
your oratrix here states that your
oratrix ~~lived~~ ^{lived} with her husband at
E. Jefferson St. 326, ^{and kept a restaurant} and that
here he lived under the assumed
name of John Kelly.

Your oratrix further shows
that her husband John P. Glass ~~is~~
~~John Kelly~~ now lives at Warm
Springs Arkansas with the same
Notorious Alpha Relford as his
wife, the same Alpha Relford who
was the reputed mistress of Irvin
Bledsoe and supposed to have seduced
him to his death, she being a notorious
prostitute. Your oratrix states
that the said John P. Glass is now
a fugitive from justice and
is not a resident of the state of Va

Your oratrix has not cohabited
with her husband since his acts of
adultery came to her knowledge. She
first learned of his adultery after she
came back committed in Dec 3rd
after she came back from Louisiana
try to Louisiana. Your oratrix has not
seen him since the 11 day of March
1905. She has lately received a letter
from him asking her to come and
live with him and the Kilgore
woman. Written in language unfit
to observe for the vulgar page
for decent eye & ear. Your oratrix was
greatly shocked as the lewd pages of
her husband's dual life unfolded.
All these acts of adultery have occurred
within the last five years, with
out the connivance, procurement wish
or consent of your oratrix. The former is
considered the prayer of your oratrix
is, that John P. Gloss be made a party
defendant to this bill; that he be required to
answer the same, but not on oath, that is waived
and upon a hearing your honor will grant
your oratrix a divorce dissolving the bonds of
matrimony now and heretofore existing
between your oratrix and her husband
John P. Gloss, and if mistaken in her
special prayer, she prays for general
relief. May, come with this time your
oratrix will ever pray.

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Mattie M. Glass ¹⁹⁰⁶
vs. J. B. Inghy
John P. Glass

1906 1st February Rules
Bill filed

" 2nd February Rules
Cause set for
hearing

1900 to 1910

Costs:

Clerk	\$4.37
Atty.	15.00
Tax	1.50
Printer	5.00
Wits.	1.00
Cour.	75
	<u>\$27.62</u>

N.P. 75^{cts} - Paid

Mattie M. Glass, Plaintiff.

Against) In Chancery,

John P. Glass Defendant,

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of complainant, and deposition there with, of plaintiff, and order or publication duly and legally posted and published against the non-resident defendant John P. Glass, and was argued by counsel *for Plaintiff*,

On consideration of which, the defendant failing to appear *plea d* answer or demur the bill as to him is taken for confessed, and the Court being of opinion that the plaintiff's allegations of adultery, are proven, it is therefore adjudged ordered and *d*decreed that the the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between the plaintiff, and defendant, be and hereby dissolved, and the plaintiff forever divorced a vinculo matrimonii, from the defendant; and that the plaintiff recover of the defendant her costs of this suit, and the cause is stricken vfrom the docket.

Mattie M. Glass. Puff,
as { { { in Chancery,
John P. Glass. Deft.

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Feb. 20th 1906 -

The depositions of J.W.M.Ely and others taken before me Geo.P. Ordilin, a Commissioner in chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, at the office of M.G.Ely, in the town of Jonesville, Virginia, on the 19th day of 1906, which depositions are intended to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in chancery now depending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, in which Mattie M. Glass is plain tiff and John P.Glass is defendant.

Present M.G.Ely of counsel for plaintiff.

J.W.M.Ely a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- Please state your age, residence and occupation and whether or not you are acquainted with the plaintiff and defendant in this cause.

A.-- I am 37 years old, reside near Wesson, Lee County, Virginia, am a farmer, and Deputy U.S.Marshall. I am acquainted with both the plaintiff and defendant in this cause. I lived within one-half mile of the place of residence of said parties when they last resided together in Lee County.

Q.2.-- Please state where the said Mattie Glass now resides, how long she has resided in this County prior to the institution of this suit, and where she and her said husband John P. Glass last cohabited together.

A.-- I have not seen her for a month or two, she now resides some where on Blackwater in Lee County. I know that she has lived in this county for some ten or twelve years. She left here some months ago and staid away three or four months and then returned, but I do not know whether she changed her residence, or merely went away for a short visit, or trip.

Q.3.-- Please state all you may know of John P.Glass' acts of adultery with one Alpha Rutherford, or with any other woman?

A.-- I do not know anything about the Alpha Rutherford, of my own personal knowledged, but it is my information ~~that~~ and the general rumor of the Country that John P.~~xxxxxxx~~ Glass took this Rutherford woman and ran off, I know they are both gone.

I have known of his committing acts of adultery with other women from his own statements. He has told me time and again

of certain lewd and bad women, with whom he said he had sexual intercourse, to-wit Mat Williams and Alice Lamb, both of whom were notorious prostitutes. These acts of adultery were within the last five years.

In my opinion it was with ut the procurement of the plaintiff in this suit that the defendant committed these acts. She seemed to be mightily opposed to it, and she talked to me about it several times.

I have seen Mat Williams go to his store and get goods and not pay him for them, and saw him take her up stairs in the store. I have also seen him going to the house where I had shortly before seen Mat Williams.

I don't know of Mrs Glass living and cohabiting with said John P. Glass since these acts of adultery, especially since he left with the Rutherford woman.

And further this deponent saith not.

J. M. Ely

Wit. claims 50 cts.

W.M.Hall another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q.1.-- Please state your age, occupation and place of residence.

A.: I am 27 years old, laborer, Jonesville, Va.,

Q.2.-- Are you acquainted with John P. Glass, if so please state whether or not you ever saw him as ociating wi th any women of bad character, if so when and where?

A.-- I am acquainted with said Glass. I saw him once with Mat Williams, up on the town branch. This woman is a notorious prostitute. They were standing by the road together near where she lived. I also met some parties on said town branch one night, whom I could not recognize, but the next morning I learned that it was said Glass and Mat Williams. There was one or more persons with them on this occasion. The place where I saw him with Mat Williams was here near Jonesville, about four miles from where said Glass resided.

And further this deponent saith not.

Wit claim 1 day 50cts

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W. M. X Hall
W. M. Hall

Mattie M. Glass
vs. J. W. Ely.

John P. Glass

Dispositions of.
J. W. M. Ely .50
W. M. Hall .50
1.00

Paid Court fee .75
\$1.75

Filed Feb. 19, 1906

H. C. Fanning Clerk

DUFFIELD, VA.,190.....

Mattie M. Glass, Complainant

vs } affidavit

John P. Glass Defendant

I, Mattie M. Glass do solemnly swear
that John P. Glass, the defendant in the
above cause, is not a resident of the
state of Virginia

Given under my hand and this the 13 day of
January 1906,

Mattie M. Glass

Sworn and subscribed to before me
the undersigned ^{in Scott County, Va.} on the 13 day of January 1906.
This January 13, 1906.

J. D. Carter,
Commissioner in Chancery,
of the Circuit Court,
for Scott County, Virginia.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the county of Lee, on the 16th
day of January, 1906

Matthie M. Glass,

against

Plaintiff

In chancery

John D. Glass

Defendant

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the bonds
of matrimony

And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant John D. Glass is
^a not resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that he do appear here within 15 days
after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect his interest in this suit. And it is
further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in the Louisville
Star and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse of this county as prescribed
by law.

A copy—Teste:

J. D. Carter

p. q.

W. B. Fearing

Clerk.

Mattie M. Glass

vs.

ORDER OF
PUBLICATION

John P. Glass.

Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

I, S. C. Ewing, County Clerk,
do certify that I posted a
true copy of the within or-
der of publication at the
front door of the Court-
house on this day.

Given under my hand
this the 16th day of Jan-
uary, 1906.

S. C. Ewing, Clerk.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

John P. Glass

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on the *1st* Monday in *February*, 190*6*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *him*

by Mattie M. Glass

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *16th* day of *January*, 190*6*, and 1 *30th* year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

H. C. T. Ewing, Clerk.

_____, Clerk.

Mattie M. Glass

VS

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SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY.

John P. Glass

J. D. Carter p. q

To

1st Feb'y

Rules.

Lee Circuit

Court.

1906.

Order of Publication

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weeks in the Jonesville Star and that a
copy be posted at the front door of the
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by law.

A copy-Test:

H C TEWING, Clerk

J D CARTER, p. q.

-----Mattie M. Glass-----

vs

{-----In Chancery-----

-----John P. Glass-----



I,-----J. C. Boatright-----, editor
of The Jonesville Star, a weekly newspaper
published in the county of Lee, state of Virginia,
do hereby certify that the enclosed notice was
published in said paper once a week for four
successive weeks, commencing on the 18th
day of-----January-----1906-----

-----J C Boatright-----, Editor.

FEE \$ 5.00-----

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